

Mr. Walsh then moved to make the salary \$3,500 for the judges of Baltimore city.

Mr. Dobbin said this was a very distasteful subject for him to engage in. He knew that some members were prone to insinuate that the lawyers were fixing soft places for themselves. The city of Baltimore paid more than one-half the taxes of the State, had nearly half the population and more than half the litigation, and yet the Convention was about to fix a sum for the judicial system of Baltimore less than one-half the sum appropriated for the counties. By the rule of proportion, even, the salaries in Baltimore ought to be \$4,500.

The judiciary of Baltimore was important to the whole State. Much depended on the vote of Baltimore, and yet in political cases some question may be decided that will change the vote of the whole State by reason of having some inefficient, half-starving judge. He asked, would members disparage the judiciary so, simply to go home and make capital by talking about economy. The State is entitled to her best talent, and such salaries as are proposed exclude the poor man from the bench.

Mr. Walsh said the Convention seemed to think large salaries only increased the scramble for place and filled the bench with demagogues. He was in favor of high salaries, but the Convention had decided otherwise and, therefore, the sums asked for Baltimore city would be out of all proportion.

Mr. Gill said there were many of the city delegation absent, and he hoped no vote would be taken tonight.

The amendment of Mr. Walsh was then adopted.

The Convention then, at 11.20 P. M., adjourned.

## SIXTY-NINTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 10.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leech.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, it was ordered to be entered on the journal that had he (Mr. B.) been present when the vote was taken yesterday on the motion of Mr. Marbury to strike out the 37th section of the legislative report prohibiting the Legislature from making compen-